MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Government will consider the desirability of utilising the balance of the railway sinking fund for this purpose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have decided not to utilise that fund for this purpose.

Opening of the Virudunagar Railway line.

62. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 27, reported at page 216, Vol. I, Sri Chitra State Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the result of the correspondence made by this Government about the loss sustained by the State on account of the opening of the Virudunagar line of the South Indian Railway;

(*b*) the action, if any, taken by the Government to make good the loss and the result thereof;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the same; and

(*d*) the amount and nature of the loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The matter is still under correspondence with the Government of India and the Railway Administration.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to (*a*), these questions do not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether this is a recurring loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I rise to a point of order. When one Government member is answering, are other Government members at liberty to instruct him, especially to claim notice?

PRESIDENT: Unless the President over-hears, he will not interfere.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know how long the matter has been under correspondence now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About a year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether the Government raised any objection to the opening of the Virudunagar line or whether the Government, at the time the construction of the line was started, communicated their views on the matter to the railway constructing authority?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Issue of Certificates by Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

63. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are competent to conduct post-mortem examination in murder cases;

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(*b*) whether the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are at present competent to issue the ordinary Health and Age certificates ;

(*c*) whether the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are at present competent to conduct inspection of school children ; and

(*d*) if the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons for this distinction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Higher education and better knowledge are considered necessary to issue Health and Age certificates and to conduct inspection of school children. In the case of post-mortem examinations, the certificates issued are scrutinised by the Darbar Physician and the issuer himself is subject to examination in the Courts.

Roads in the Tiruvalla taluk

64. ✻**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the respective lengths of the P. W. D. roads and the ryots' roads in the Tiruvalla taluk.

(*b*) the number of applications for ryots' roads to be taken up by the P. W. D. and the stages of enquiries in connection with the applications · and

(*c*) the average gain to the Government per mile by taking up the ryots' roads ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) P. W. D. roads 158 miles. Ryots' roads 157 miles.

(*b*) Seven. Steps are in progress in respect of 2 cases to get the lands free of compensation. The remaining five are not cut according to the ryots' roads rules. So necessary instructions have been given to the ryots concerned to complete their roads as per the rules.

(*c*) The question of gain does not arise from the standpoint of Government.

Memorial by All-Travancore Political Congress.

65. ✻**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a memorial was submitted to the Dewan on the 2nd May 1934 by or on behalf of the All-Travancore Politicial Congress ;

(*b*) if so, whether, in that memorial, the followiwg passage occurs :

"We beg leave in this connection to draw your pointed attention to the circumstance that gave a new turn to the agitation a few days previous to the recent Viceregal visit to this State. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer and Mr. T. Austin conveyed to us through some of their visitors that Government was ready to redress our grievances if we would approach them in the proper spirit. These visitors were given to understand that, in case a few leading men of our communities

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